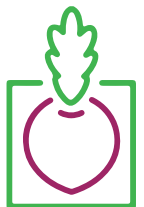
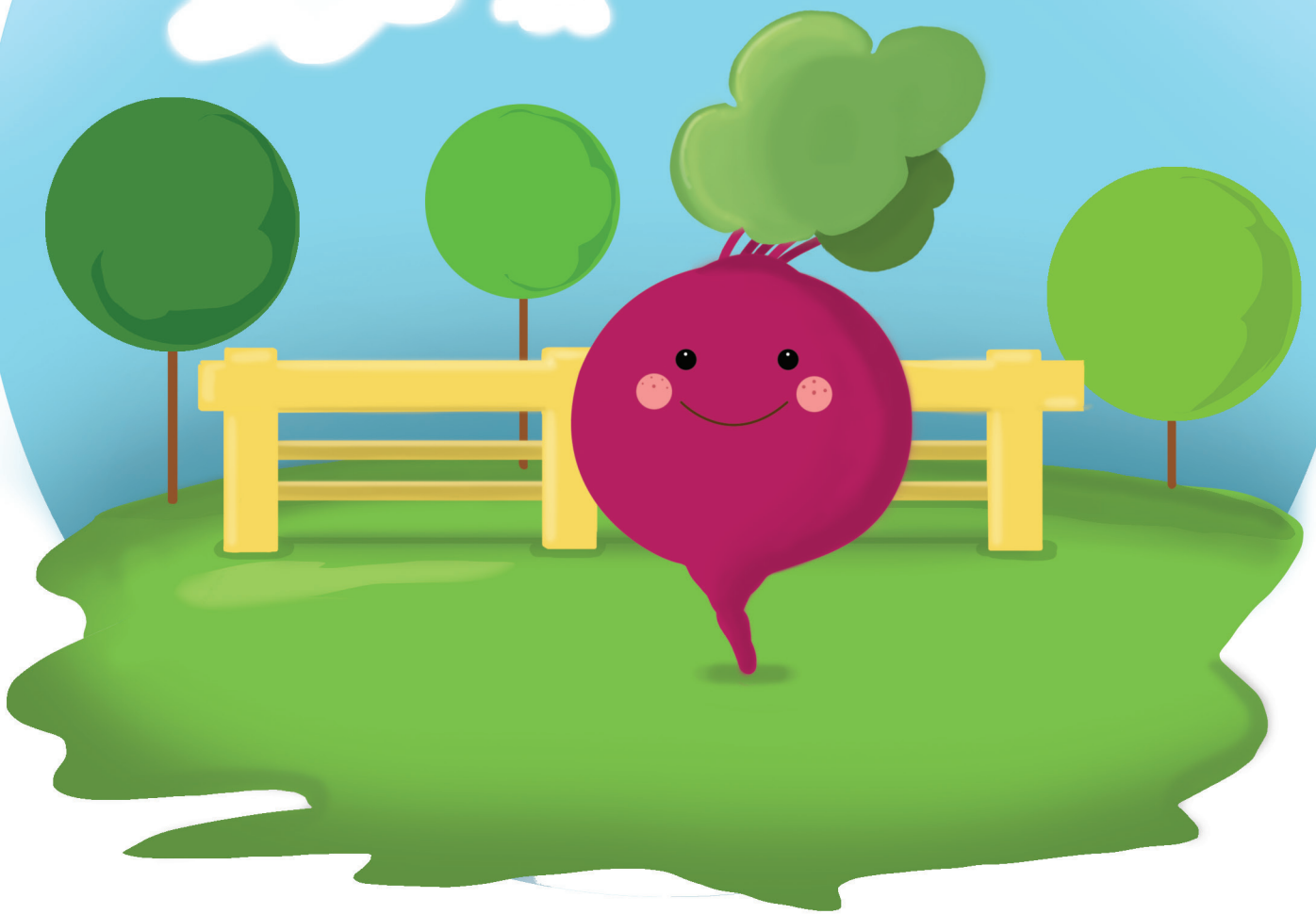
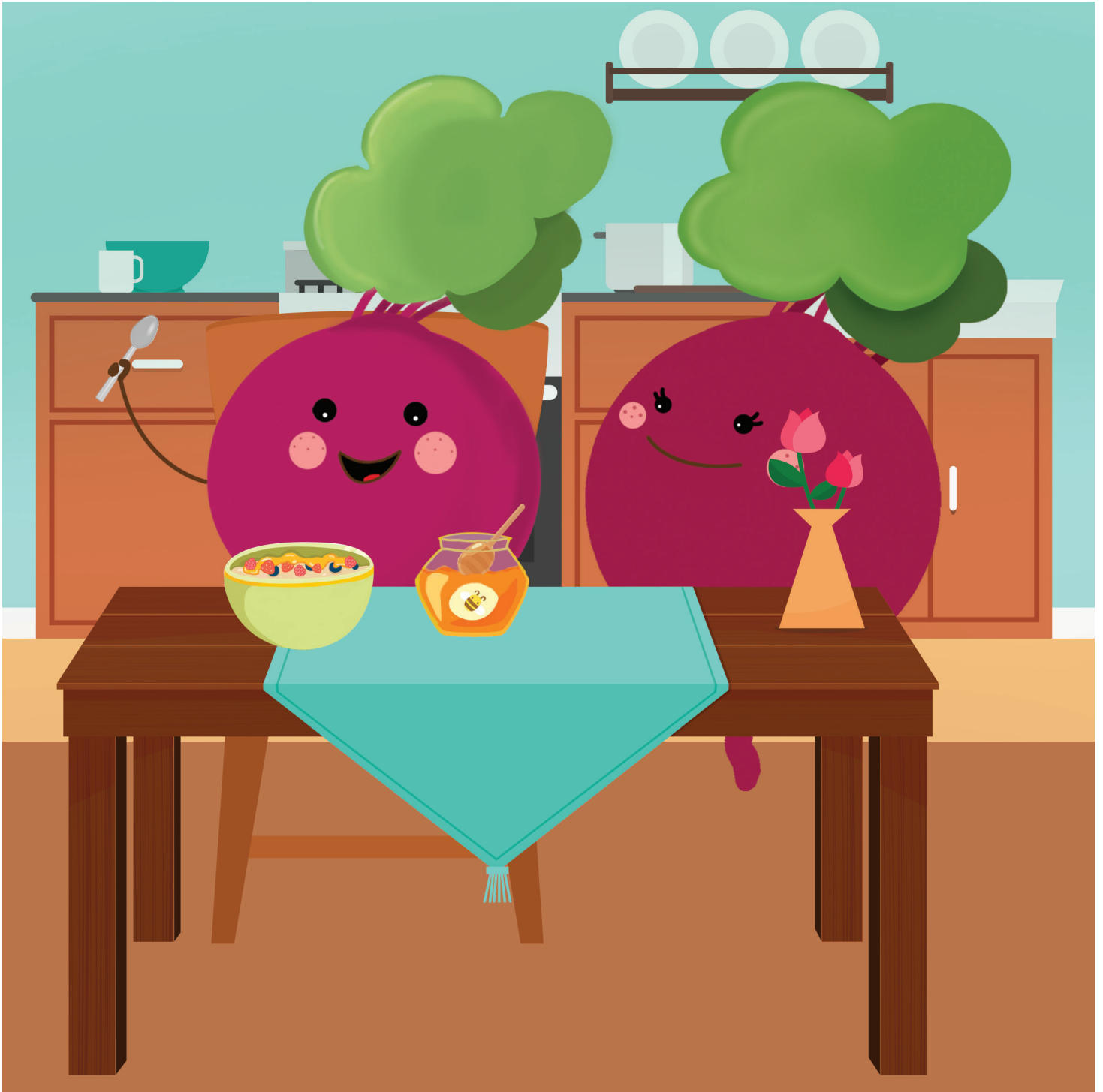


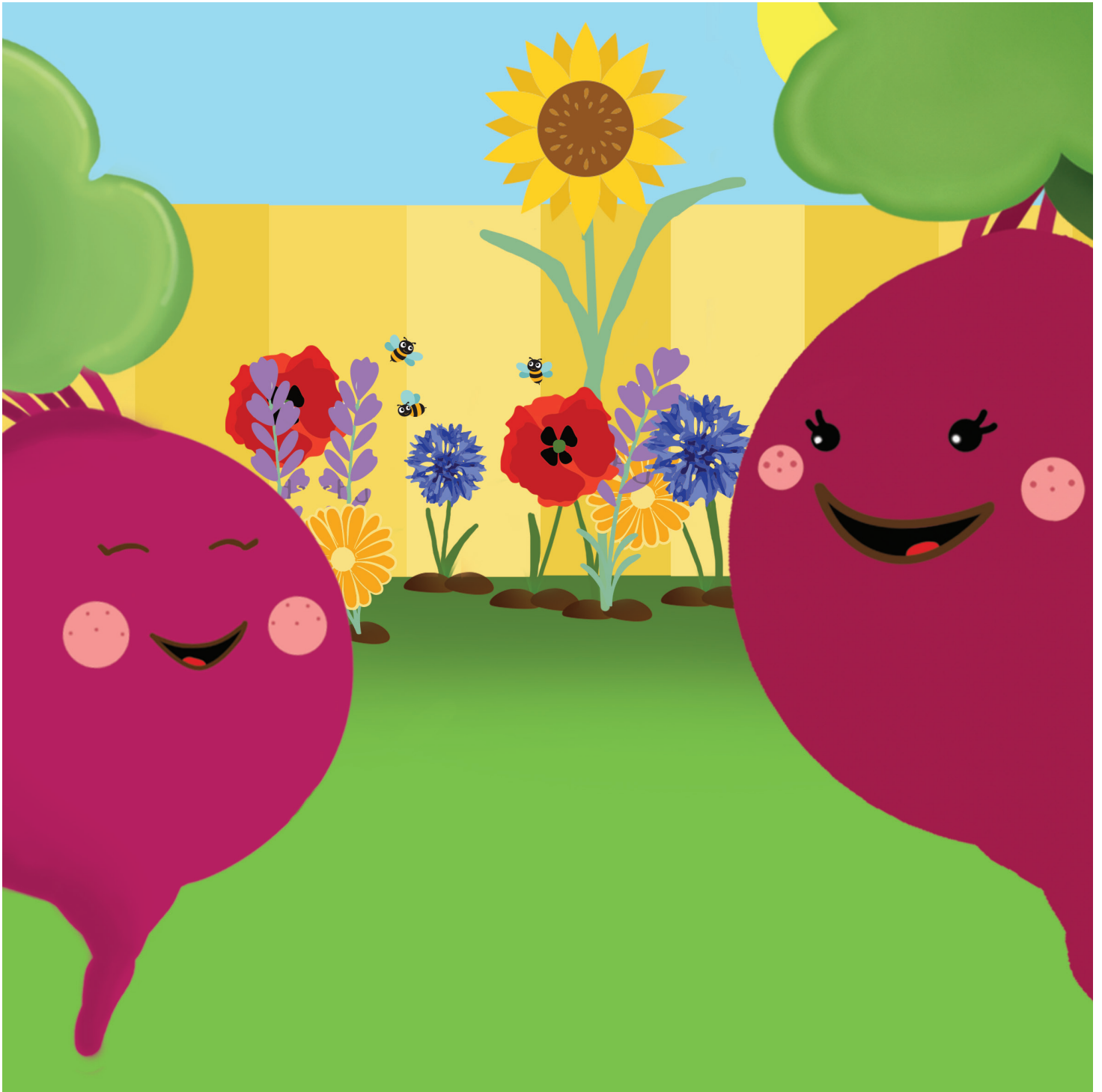
Let's See with Betsy  
**Bees & Honey**





Betsy sat down at the table to eat her breakfast. Mrs. Beet made her a healthy bowl of oatmeal and fruit. She drizzled honey on top. "Yummy, my favorite!" said Betsy. She had strawberries, raspberries, and blueberries. Betsy knew where the berries came from. They could visit Farmer Joe's farm whenever they wanted to pick the berries right from the ground. Betsy learned that if you plant a seed, and give it water and sunlight, it can grow into something delicious like a strawberry or blueberry!

Before digging in, Betsy looked down at her bowl one more time. She noticed the delicious, sticky, sweet honey, and asked her mom: "Where does honey come from? Does it grow from the ground like my other food?" Mrs. Beet answered: "Let's go outside Betsy, I can show you right in our garden!" Betsy couldn't believe it. There was honey in her garden? Outside, Betsy looked at all of the beautiful flowers growing in her garden.



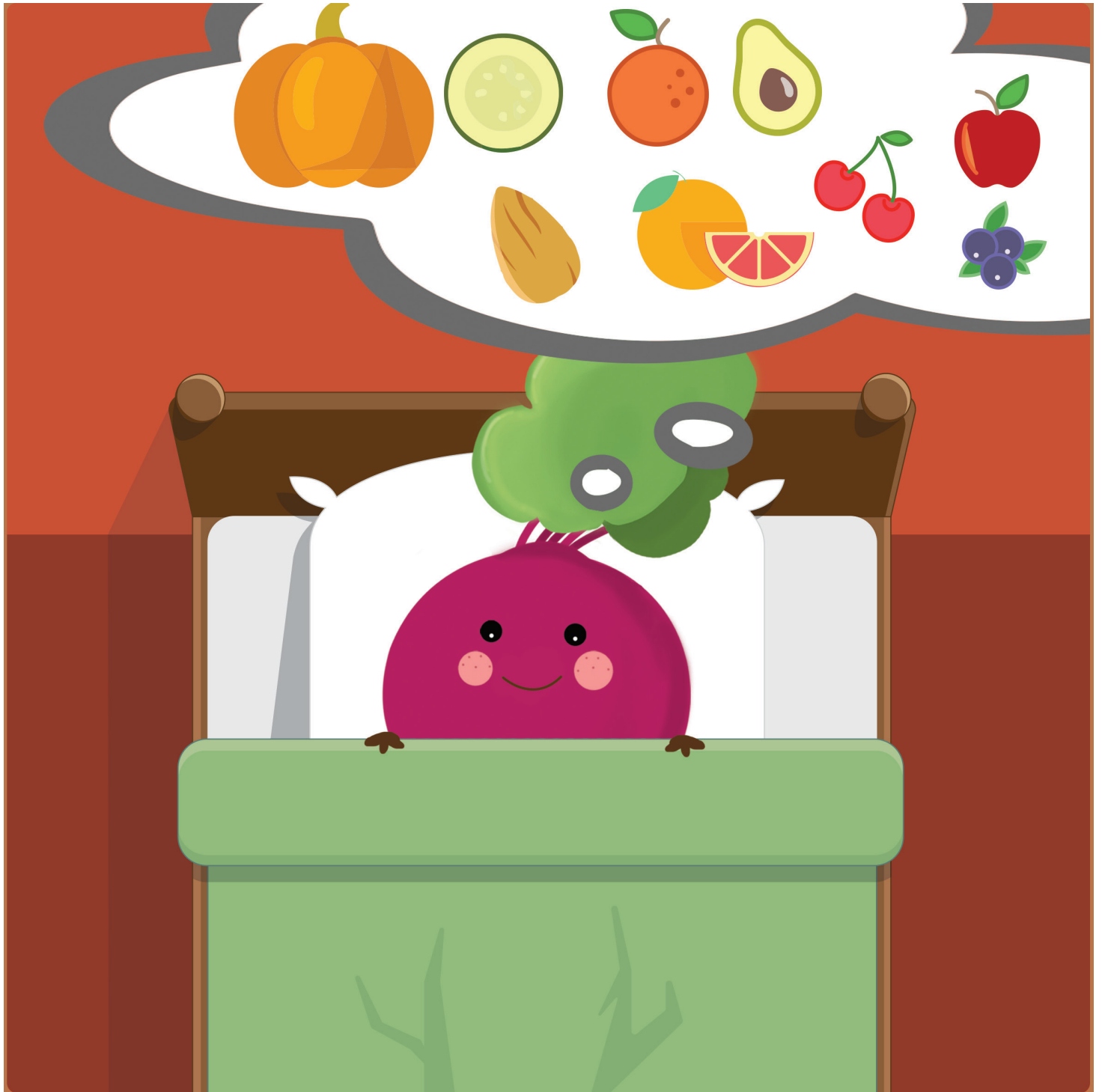
They were growing red poppies, yellow sunflowers, blue button flowers, purple lavender, and orange marigolds - every color of the rainbow! "Listen closely and tell me what you hear" said Mrs. Beet. Betsy closed her eyes and listened very well. She heard something. It was a "buzzzz buzzz" sound. "I hear buzzing! What is that?" she asked. "That is the sound of a bee. There are lots of them flying in our garden. Bees make honey." said Mrs. Beet.

Betsy was so surprised! She loved to dance, and couldn't believe bees could too! "But how do we get the honey? Where is it?" asked Betsy. "That's a great question. A worker with a special suit and tools, called a beekeeper, can safely collect the honey from the beehive, and sell it or keep for people to eat and enjoy. Farmer Joe has a beekeeper on his farm! Let's go visit him."



“After the bees visit the flowers, they take all of the nectar back to their hive where they live. They place the nectar in honeycombs.” Betsy watched the beekeeper carefully removing the honeycombs from the bee’s nest. “Honeycombs are like the shelves where the bees keep the honey. They flap their wings very fast to dry the nectar and turn it into honey. That’s where the buzzing sound comes from! We can take the honeycombs from the hive with our special tools, and the honey can drip from the combs into a bucket, where we can keep it for eating.” explained Farmer Joe.

“Wow. Bees work so hard to make honey! I wish we could help.” said Betsy. “You can! You can help bees by planting and growing flowers they love, and keeping your garden watered so they have plenty to drink. Getting honey from a farm that loves and takes care of bees is another great way to help.”



Betsy went home that night thinking of all the foods farmer Joe told her bees help grow. Apples, almonds, blueberries, cherries, avocados, cucumbers, pumpkins, squash, oranges, and grapefruit. She now knew how important her bee friends were, and couldn't wait to make sure her garden was a place they'd like to visit everyday.

